Sean Parnell, Governor Emil Notti, Commissioner Robert M. Pickett, Chairman

March 5, 2010

In reply refer to: Finance Section

File: PC26-0905DD LO#: L1000069

Martin N. Finnesand General Manager Chitina Electric, Inc P.O. Box 88 Chitina, AK 99566

Dear Mr. Finnesand:

On March 4, 2010, the Commission approved updated **Permanent** PCE levels in cents per kilowatt-hour (¢/kWh) for Chitina Electric, Inc (CEI), for the listed classes of customers as follows:

Residential	30.68¢
Community Facilities 0-8,750kWh	30.68¢
Community Facilities over 8.750kWh	25.88¢

The revised PCE levels are due to Commission approval of CEI's Fuel Cost Update submitted on February 8, 2010. The new PCE levels are effective for billings rendered after March 4, 2010. For your reference, copies of the Commission Staff's recommendations and schedules are attached as an Appendix.

The Commission reminds CEI of its continued obligation under the PCE legislation to provide its customers with the notice specified in AS 42.45.120 or similar notice approved by the Alaska Energy Authority.

The Commission also reminds CEI of its obligation under 3 AAC 52.620 and 3 AAC 52.640 to notify the Commission of any change in its rates, surcharges, and/or efficiency of operation and advises CEI that failure to comply with those requirements could jeopardize its continued participation in the program.

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If CEI believes that the calculation used to establish the PCE level in this Letter Order is incorrect, it should seek reconsideration setting forth why it believes the calculation is in error. Any reconsideration request must be submitted within 15 days of the date of this Letter Order.

If you have any questions regarding the calculation of PCE levels, please contact Utility Financial Analyst John White at (907) 276-6222.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION

Sincerely,

REGULATORY COMMISSION OF ALASKA

Robert M. Pickett

Chairman

cc: Jeffery Williams, Alaska Energy Authority

# STATE OF ALASKA

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26-0905DD

DATE DUE: April 4, 2010

Martin Finnesand General Manager Chitina Electric, Inc P.O. Box 88 Chitina, AK 99566

Fee for Commission Staff analysis and recommendations Re:

FILE #: PC26-0905DD

LO #: L1000069

Fuel Cost Update under the Power Cost Equalization Program

Amount Due:	\$ 39
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE.	
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MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: STATE OF ALASKA

PLEASE REMIT CHECK AND COPY OF THIS INVOICE TO:

REGULATORY COMMISSION OF ALASKA 701 W. 8<sup>TH</sup> AVE., SUITE 300 ANCHORAGE, AK 99501-3469

If you have any questions, please contact Joyce McGowan at (907) 263-2132 or <a href="mailto:joyce.mcgowan@alaska.gov">joyce.mcgowan@alaska.gov</a>.

Chitina Electric, Inc	
FILE #: PC26-0905DD	Amount Due: \$ 39
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Please tear along dotted line and submit payment with bottom portion. Thank you.

## Power Cost Memorandum Fuel Cost Update

Date: March 4, 2010 Utility Name (Cert. No.) Utility File No. Date Filed: **CHITINA ELECTRIC INC** PC26-0905DD February 8, 2010 PCE LEVEL Previously Staff Recommended Level(s) SUMMARY Approved and Effective Date PC26-0905CC PC26-0905DD Class Date Approved: Rate February 18, 2010 March 5, 2010 Residential \$0.2980 \$0.3068 Community Facilities 0-8,750 k wh \$0.2980 \$0.3068 Community Facilities over 8,750 kwh \$0.2588 \$0.2588 ☑ Permanent ☐ Interim ☑ Permanent Interim Prior Fuel Purchase Price: \$ 2.8700 New Fuel Purchase Price: \$ 2.9700 ☑ Actual ☐ Weighted ✓ Actual Weighted Delivery Charge: Surcharge Change: Previous\_\_ Updated Signed: **Utility Financial Analyst** Kevin AufDerHeide Commission decision re. this recommendation : I WILL WRITE Date (if different I DO NOT A DISSENTING from 3/4/10) CONCUR CONCUR STATEMENT \* Pickett Giard Lisankie Patch

Special Instructions to Staff:

Wilson

<sup>\*</sup> If this column initialed, Staff will contact the Commissioner for the statement, otherwise, dissent will simply be noted at the close of the By Direction Letter or Order.

### **CHITINA ELECTRIC INC**

POWER COST EQUALIZATION CALCULATION BASED ON TEST PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2005 Fuel Cost Update

		PC26-0905CC		PC26-0905DD
		Prior	t lette .	01-8
		Commission Approval	Utility Request	Staff Recommended
		Approva	roquoot	
A.	Total KWH Generated	423,188	423,188	423,188
B.	Total KWH Sold (Appendix 2)	388,443	388,443	388,443
C.	Total Non-Fuel Costs (Appendix 2)	72,946	72,946	72,946
D.	Non-Fuel Cost/KWH (C / B)	\$0.1878	\$0.1878	\$0.1878
E.	Total Fuel Costs (Appendix 2)	103,733	107,348	107,348
F.	Fuel Costs/KWH (E / B)	\$0.2670	\$0.2764	\$0.2764
G.	Eligible Costs/KWH (D + F)	\$0.4548	\$0.4641	\$0.4641
Н.	Eligible Cost/KWH (G)			
	less base rate in effect (14.12 cents)	\$0.3136	\$0.3229	\$0.3229
l.	Lesser of (H) or 85.88 cents/kWh	\$0.3136	\$0.3229	\$0.3229
J.	Average Class Rates (Appendix 3)			
٥.	Residential	\$0.4188	\$0.4188	\$0.4188
	Community Facilities 0-8,750 kWh	\$0.4188	\$0.4188	\$0.4188
	Community Facilities over 8,750 kWh	\$0.2588	\$0.2588	\$0.2588
		Class	Power Cost Equa	lization
			Per kWh Payable	
K.	Lesser of: (I) x 95%, or (J)			
	Residential	\$0.2980 \$0.2980	\$0.3068 \$0.3068	\$0.3068 \$0.3068
	Community Facilities 0-8,750 k wh Community Facilities over 8,750 k wh	\$0.2588	\$0.2588	\$0.2588
	Community Facilities over 0,730 K will	ψ0.2000	Ψ0.2000	Ψ0.2000
L.		100%	100%	100%
	Funding Level in Effect			
	Residential	\$0.2980	\$0.3068	\$0.3068
	Community Facilities 0-8,750 k wh	\$0.2980	\$0.3068	\$0.3068
	Community Facilities over 8,750 k wh	\$0.2588	\$0.2588	\$0.2588

### **CHITINA ELECTRIC INC**

SCHEDULE OF ELIGIBLE POWER COSTS, SALES AND EFFICIENCY BASED ON TEST PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2005 Fuel Cost Update

				PC26-0905CC				26-0905DD
				Prior Commission		Per		Per
	Non-Fuel Costs:			Approval	Utility		Staff	
A.	Personnel Costs			38,531		38,531		38,531
B.	Operating Expenses			4,755		4,755		4,755
C.	General and Administrative			18,569		18,569		18,569
D.	Depreciation			11,090		11,090		11,090
E.	Interest Expense			0		0		0
F.	Total Non-Fuel Costs			\$ 72,946	\$	72,946	\$	72,946
G.	Fuel Costs: Gallons Consumed for Electric Generation			36,144		36,144		36,144
H.	Most Recent Purchase		\$2.9700 1/22/2010	\$2.8700	\$	2.9700	\$	2.9700
1.	Total Fuel Cost			\$ 103,733	\$	107,348	\$	107,348
J.	kWh Generated			423,188		423,188		423,188
K.	kWh Sales		Standard	388,443		388,443		388,443
L.	Efficiency (L / I)	<u>&gt;</u>	10.5	10.75		10.75		10.75
М.	Line Loss - St. Serv. (kWh generated - kWh Sold)/kWh g	≤ enera	12% ated	8.21%		8.21%		8.21%

### CHITINA ELECTRIC INC.

AVERAGE RATE CALCULATION
BASED ON TEST PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2005
Appendix 3

Calculation of Average Class Rate per kWh

Rate Schedule: Residential

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
kWh		Surcharge	Total	Total	Avg.	Avg. Rate
by	Rate	If Applicable	(\$/kWh)	\$	(\$/kWh)	(\$/kWh) -
Block	(\$/kWh)	(\$/kWh)	(2+3)	(1x4)	(5)/(1)	\$.1412/kWh
500	0.5600	0.0000	0.5600	280.00	0.5600	0.4188

500 280.00 0.5600 0.4188 TOTAL (A) (E)

Rate Schedule: Community Facilities

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
kWh	, ,	Surcharge	Total	Total	Avg.	Avg. Rate
by	Rate	If Applicable	(\$/kWh)	\$	(\$/kWh)	(\$/kWh) -
Block	(\$/kWh)	(\$/kWh)	(2+3)	(1x4)	(5)/(1)	\$.1412/kWh
0-8750	0.5600	0.0000	0.5600			0.4188
Over 8750	0.4000	0.0000	0.4000			0.2588

TOTAL (A) (E)